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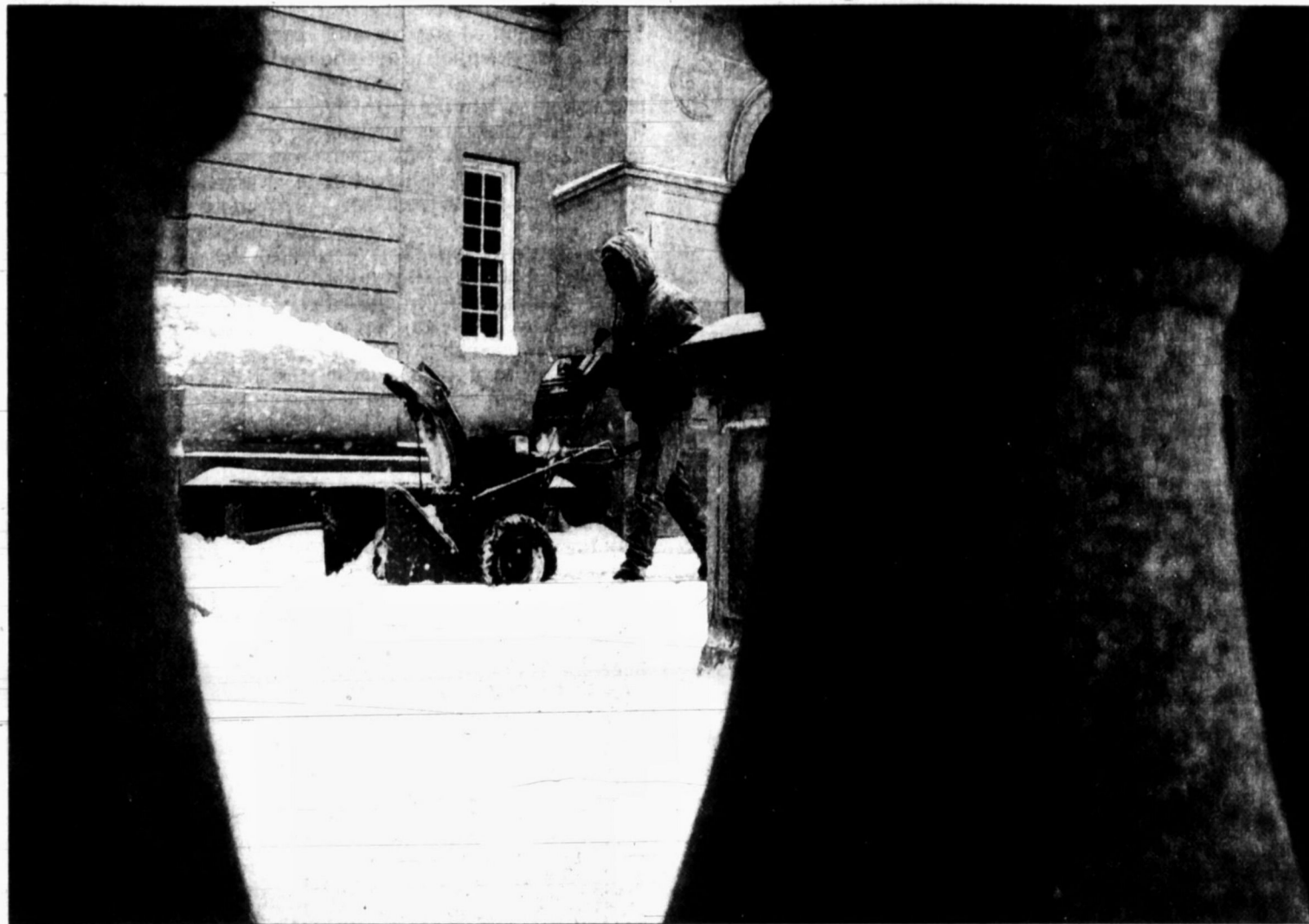


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SNOW BUSINESS



Six inches of snow blanketed Arlington last weekend, causing residents and businesses to run for their shovels and snow blowers. Mark McKeown helped clean the outside of Town Hall Sunday.

STAFF PHOTO BY ANN RINGWOOD

Armstrong asks town for more

BY DANA FRONCZAK
STAFF WRITER

Arlington faces an additional financial loss of more than \$70,000 as its provider of Advanced Life Support said it is forced to change the way it does business.

Arlington-based Armstrong Ambulance recently told 11 cities and towns that comprise its coverage area that it no longer can honor the existing ALS service contract.

Along with Arlington, Winchester, Lexington, Bedford, Belmont, Burlington, North Reading, Reading, Watertown, Wilmington, and Woburn may take a fiscal hit.

"The lack of \$70,000 will further aggravate the financial picture for 2002," said Town Manager Phil Farrington.

Right now, the town receives

\$130 for each ALS run that goes to the hospital. This will now go to Armstrong, he explained.

A two-tier response system operates in each city or town. When the local fire department receives a call for emergency medical services, a town's Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance and — if it is a potential life-threatening incident — the Advanced Life Support (ALS) unit fielded by Armstrong respond. Each town has its own ambulance with basic equipment while Armstrong's paramedics arrive in a Ford Bronco fitted with heart monitors, defibrillators, intravenous equipment, and supplies for drug treatment.

If ALS service is required the Armstrong paramedic jumps into the town's ambulance and treats the patient on the way to the hospital. Armstrong then bills

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A colorful debate Board of Health discusses tattooing

BY DANA FRONCZAK
STAFF WRITER

While no one expects Arlington to be awash with tattoo parlors anytime soon, the recent decision by the state to leave regulations up to cities and towns is leaving many local Boards of Health brainstorming and scrambling to come up with a sound policy on body art and piercings before Jan. 31.

That is the date when tattoos become legal in Massachusetts, where the ancient art form has been against the law for 38 years. That law was first enacted in 1957, at that time, only banning tattoos for those under 18. It evolved into a comprehensive ban in 1963.

The state finalized its recommendations Tuesday, and those included a ban on tattoos for people under the age of 18. It also

banned genital piercings for all ages.

But those are only recommendations, and neighboring towns can adopt different policies and reject the state's ideas about regulation.

Massachusetts Superior Court Justice Barbara Rouse declared Mass. General Law, Chapter 65, Sec. 34 unconstitutional. That law banned tattoos executed by anyone other than a qualified doctor and penalized a guilty party by levying up to a \$300 fine, a year in jail, or both.

The suit was filed by Stephen Lanphear, an award-winning tattoo artist in New York City, along with the Massachusetts Civil Liberties Union. Rouse rendered her decision on Oct. 20.

Recently, the state published a voluminous guideline for cities and towns to base their regulation

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Bringing hope to third-world children

Phaneuf helps medical missions

BY DANA FRONCZAK
STAFF WRITER

Margaret Phaneuf is closing the extensive photo albums she has accumulated from her medical missions to Romania and Columbia. As she sets them down, she looks around her cluttered office.

A hand-sewn pillowcase with the words "Fielas Suenos, Maggie" ("Sweet Dreams, Maggie," in Spanish) hangs on her wall behind her desk. Just outside her office, in a small hallway, sits a handmade wooden basket, made for her by a mother of a child she helped to heal.

"I need to clean up all the clutter in this office," Phaneuf said. "I want to fill it wall to

wall with pictures of kids."

Those kids are the dozens she and members of medical teams have operated on to correct genetic defects such as cleft lip and palette, which in American children is a simple surgical procedure at birth.

But for children in places such as Romania, Columbia, and Nicaragua, the three countries Margee has ventured to so far, these conditions, along with scarring burns, remain untreated, resulting in horrible disfigurements. While Phaneuf goes by Margee around here, she's Maggie abroad "because no one can pronounce Margee."

Phaneuf is now preparing for a trip to Santa Marta, Columbia, in the northern tip of the country. It's her sixth medical mission orga-

nized by Healing the Children, a non-profit organization that started the Medical Missions Abroad program in 1990. They'll lug bags of donated medical supplies with them on the plane, so many that in previous missions they've had to pay an additional \$100 per bag for each one above the carry-on limit.

But in a bit of unique good luck, Phaneuf said, Dole Pineapple got wind of Healing the Children and just happened to have a freighter heading for Santa Marta this January to pick up produce. As Phaneuf sat in her office, half a shipping container of medical supplies, including a heart monitor, were arriving by ship in Santa Marta within a day or two. The team was scheduled to leave today.

Each of the participants pays for the airfare, transportation, and other expenses while serving in a foreign nation.

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Legislators explore high property tax dilemma

Second of a two-part series of stories reviewing the town's recent property revaluation.

BY DANA FRONCZAK
STAFF WRITER

Arlington's legislative body has ideas on how to combat the squeeze homeowners are feeling with increased property taxes.

But any ideas Rep. Jim Marzilli (D-Arlington), Rep. Anne Paulsen (D-Belmont) and Sen Robert Havern (D-Arlington) might possess must now transpire under a fiscal storm cloud.

A combination of the passage of Gov. Paul Cellucci's tax cut last November, which immediately preceded what appears to be a significant market correction, has left Arlington's legislative contingent shaking their heads about how they will pay for items such as education reform.

It muddies any clear vision these state legislators had of fixing the housing crunch, too.

"No one can honestly claim to have known that the recession would take place at about the exact same time as the passage of this tax cut," said Marzilli. "It was the worst of ironies."

That double-fisted blow to the state aid for cities and towns may have ramifications for years to come.

Recent numbers released by the Massachusetts Municipal Association showed that overall aid to cities and towns will only increase 1 percent in FY 2003 and 1.9 percent in FY 2004.

But Marzilli said he wants to press on with legislation that may at least mitigate some of the tax burden to those residents who now fall in between the income age and asset guidelines for property tax relief.

"I filed legislation this year to expand the number of people eligible for the circuit breaker by including disabled people under the age of 65," said Marzilli.

That circuit-breaker, also touted by Havern, actually gives low-income individuals and families property tax relief, but is only eligible for senior citizens over the age of 65.

Seniors are now eligible for \$375 in tax relief the first year and \$750 the second and every year thereafter. People who are single and earn less than \$40,000 are eligible, while a single person with dependents who earn less than \$50,000 and joint filers who earn less than \$60,000 are eligible.

The senior citizen benefit will kick in for this year's income, which means that on next year's taxes, seniors will reap the benefit. Marzilli said this pro-

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Resident faces skyrocketing property increase

BY DANA FRONCZAK
STAFF WRITER

Six years and two property assessments ago, Ellen Donoghue told her story in *The Advocate*, a story of her home on Bailey Road that she was afraid of losing.

Four generations of her family rest in pictures on the dining room wall: nieces, nephews, grandfathers, captured in shades of antique black and studio-crisp color.

She's pretty sure a fifth generation won't make it up there.

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Long-time assessor resigns from board

BY LES G. MASTERSON
STAFF WRITER

After more than 20 years on the Board of Assessors, Maurice "Bud" O'Connell resigned earlier this month, stating "personal circumstances." With O'Connell's departure, the Board of Selectmen and remaining Board of Assessors will appoint a resident to the board Monday.

Town Assessor Robert Greeley worked both with and for O'Connell. From 1983-1987, Greeley held a seat on the Board of Assessors. When the executive secre-

tary position became available in 1987, Greeley was selected.

"Bud was pretty well known in the assessing field," said Greeley, adding that he is a "compassionate assessor."

Current board Chairman James Doherty's assessment mirrored those of the executive secretary.

"He is a very compassionate gentleman. He always wanted to acquire more than the paperwork that comes to us. He wanted to understand the non-tangible issues that affect people's ability to deal with taxes," said Doherty. The current chairman said he

entered the board thinking assessments are a black-and-white issue. However, O'Connell taught him about the gray areas too, he said.

Doherty, who has been on the board since 1993, said O'Connell's experience helped him.

"He knew the town and the history of the assessors department for a 20-year period. No one else had that kind of perspective," said Doherty.

Greeley called O'Connell "a leader."

"When other guys came on board, he was very helpful to all of

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Film keeps promise
"The Pledge" successfully captures suspense.

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LET'S GROOVE



STAFF PHOTO BY ANN RINGWOOD

The Arlington Heights Nursery School sponsored a children's concert called "Groovy Baby," with performers Laura Sabini and Mirko Tani. One of the those who enjoyed the Jan. 15 concert was Jack Kaczmarek, while his mother, Sandra, ran her hands through his wet (from snow) hair.

FOR THE RECORD

POLICE LOG

The following are excerpts from the Arlington Police Department log. The information is open to the public.

Monday, Jan. 15

• At 1:11 p.m., a Scituate Street resident reported youths throwing snowballs.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

• At 3:04 a.m., police responded to Mystic River Parkway for several people fighting. When police arrived, they found that most of those involved had fled the area. However, police did pick up a 33-year-old man, who was intoxicated. For his own safety, police placed him into protective custody.

• At 6:39 a.m., police received a call from the Sons of Italy, where the manager told them that a person or persons entered the club through a window during the night. The only items missing were approximately three cases of beer.

• At 8:56 p.m., a Harvard Street resident called for a suspicious person outside a neighboring home. When police arrived, they discovered the alleged suspicious person was the homeowner.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

• At 6:03 p.m., a Boston man informed police that an Arlington resident sent him a threatening fax. The Arlington man, who was being treated for psychological help by the Boston man, wrote

that he was upset at a health care facility and his insurance provider. In the fax, he also wrote "remember Wakefield." When police spoke to the Arlington man, he showed remorse, but wanted the health care provider to know the seriousness of his condition.

Thursday, Jan. 18

• At 4:18 p.m., a Howard Street resident told police that a watch was taken from a bedroom.

Friday, Jan. 19

• At 12:28 p.m., police responded to a call on Peirce Street, where a resident reported a broken window caused by a BB pellet.

• At 5:23 p.m., teens were reportedly swearing at Spy Pond Field.

• At 7:28 p.m., an Arlington resident told police that a former girlfriend used his name and social security to obtain a credit card. The man learned about the card when he obtained a credit report.

• At 8:41 p.m., the report of a confused person on Brookdale Road turned out to be a solicitor.

• At 9:59 p.m., a person reported youths throwing snowballs on Massachusetts Avenue.

Sunday, Jan. 21

• At 9:20 p.m., police responded to a call for a dispute between a manager and customer at a Massachusetts Avenue business. The dispute was reportedly over soft drinks.

Arrests

Tuesday, Jan. 16

• At 10 p.m., police arrested Timothy M. Sheehan, 22, 50 Forest St., and charged him with assault by dangerous weapon (pellet gun) and possession of a Class A substance (heroin). Police responded to a call for a man threatening to harm himself and others. Police were able to arrest Sheehan without incident. Officer Ronald Kerr made the arrest.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

• At 12:01 a.m., police arrested Catherine Anne Kocur, 19, 24 Ridge St., and charged her with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, leaving a scene after property damage, and operating negligently to endanger. Police responded to a call from a Ridge Street resident who told them that his parked vehicle was involved in a hit-and-run. Police saw Kocur a few minutes later and questioned her on the accident. They also performed sobriety tests, which she allegedly failed. Officer Robert Gamez made the arrest.

Thursday, Jan. 18

• At 4:30 p.m., police arrested Michael Edwards, 45, 240

Albany St., Cambridge, and charged him with unarmed robbery. Edwards was arrested for his alleged involvement in a Jan. 11 unarmed robbery at Spy Pond. Lt. Det. James Moran made the arrest.

• At 4:30 p.m., police arrested Patricia E. Davichick, 21, 121 Overlook Road, and charged her on a warrant for her alleged involvement in an unarmed robbery for a Jan. 11 incident at Spy Pond. Inspector Joyce Wilson made the arrest.

Sunday, Jan. 21

• At 4:20 a.m., police arrested John T. MacNeil, 17, 122 Gardner St., and charged him with assault and battery. Officer James Smith made the arrest.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

• At 7:50 a.m., police arrested Kevin A. Carlson, 33, 78 Clifton Ave., Brockton, and charged him on a warrant for driving with a suspended license, a number plate violation, and driving an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle. Officer Brendan Kiernan observed Carlson drive through a red light at Broadway and Franklin Street and pulled him over. Kiernan found out about the warrant against Carlson and arrested him.

FIRE LOG

The Arlington Fire Department responded to 123 calls from Jan. 12-Jan. 21, including 73 with Rescue, 12 fire alarms, and 16 investigations. References to paramedics denote two-medical teams from Arlington Ambulance Service, a private Arlington-based ambulance company.

Friday, Jan. 12

• At 10:04 a.m., firefighters responded to a call on Langley Road for a fire in a third-floor bathroom. Firefighters brought a fire hose to the bathroom and discovered that the fire was contained in the cabinet, wall, and ceiling areas. They extinguished the fire and checked for extension. Fire officials estimate \$10,000 worth of damage and said the fire started by the careless disposal of smoking materials in the bathroom, which caused the bathrobe on the back of the bathroom door to catch fire.

Saturday, Jan. 13

• At 3:31 a.m., a 40-year-old Bradley Road woman complained of shortness of breath. Rescue placed the woman on oxygen and checked her vital signs. Rescue transported her to Mt. Auburn Hospital.

Sunday, Jan. 14

• At 12:33 p.m., the Fire Department responded to a two-car accident on Massachusetts Avenue. A 38-year-old woman complained of knee pain and a headache. Firefighters placed the woman on a board and secured a collar around her neck. They also placed an ice pack on her injured knee. Rescue transported her to Mt. Auburn Hospital.

Monday, Jan. 15

• At 4:23 p.m., a 55-year-old man was not feeling well on Massachusetts Avenue. Firefighters found the man in his car. Rescue checked his vital signs and transported him to

Mt. Auburn Hospital.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

• At 2:20 a.m., firefighters responded to a 51-year-old Massachusetts Avenue man having trouble breathing. Rescue placed the man on oxygen and checked his vital signs. He was taken to Mt. Auburn Hospital.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

• At 8:50 a.m., the Fire Department received a call for a light smoke condition in a Stevens Terrace home. The problem was caused by a malfunctioning boiler. Firefighters shut down the system and ventilated the home.

Thursday, Jan. 18

• At 8:18 a.m., firefighters responded to a call for a motor vehicle accident on Baxter Road. A 37-year-old woman told firefighters that the seatbelt injured her neck. She was placed on a backboard and firefighters placed a collar around her neck. Rescue checked the woman's vital signs and transported her to Mt. Auburn Hospital.

Friday, Jan. 19

• At 12:14 a.m., a 52-year-old Marion Road resident complained of chest pain. Rescue checked the man's vital signs and administered oxygen. Rescue transported the man to Massachusetts General Hospital with paramedics.

Sunday, Jan. 21

• At 2:05 a.m., firefighters responded to a call for a one-car accident on Route 2. The car spun out and struck a light pole. The 22-year-old driver was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident and complained of neck pain. Firefighters checked her vital signs, placed her on a backboard, while securing her neck and rescue transported her to Mt. Auburn Hospital.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Fiesta

Plan to liven up a chilly winter afternoon at the Robbins Library Children's Fiesta on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2 to 4 p.m., for families with children in grades K to 3 in the library's Children's Room.

The fiesta will feature a performance by Jorge Arce, Puerto Rican singer and storyteller, who will share the culture of Latin America, and the Caribbean at 2 p.m. in the Community Room. Arce emphasizes audience participation and asks children to join him on drums, rhythm instruments, stories, and dances.

Children currently enrolled in the Arlington elementary schools Spanish program are expected to display their work and perhaps

perform some songs for the fiesta. In addition, Arlington's sister city of Teosinte, El Salvador, will be represented, asking children to help with a craft and learn more about Central America. Artifacts from El Salvador will be exhibited in the Children's Room display case throughout the month.

Finally, children will have a chance to taste some Valencia oranges and Clementines and try some "kiddie" Sangria.

Families are welcome to drop in and enjoy this event with no prior registration. The fiesta is sponsored by the Russell Fund. For more information, call 316-3234.

Dallin art exhibit

New Mexico painter, Carol Alli-

son, will be showing oils and watercolors in the classical realist approach at the Cyrus Dallin Museum for the month of January. A reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 in the Cyrus Dallin Museum, in the Jefferson Cutter House, 1 Whittemore Park.

The exhibit contains a variety of subject matter. Since moving to the East Coast she has concentrated on landscapes which will be included in the exhibit.

The museum is open from Monday through Friday noon to 4 p.m. Call museum for best viewing times at 641-0595. For viewing Saturday or Sunday, call Carol Allison for appointment—777-1253.

Gone country

The Stratton School PTO holds its biggest fundraiser of the year—a Country Sweetheart Dance and BBQ—on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Come and celebrate Valentine's Day with old and new friends and have an old-fashioned good time. Entertainment will be provided by the award-winning Robin Right Band and as you chow down on BBQ from Redbones.

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For tickets or more information, please call Laura Morrisette at 646-0337.

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Skaters pleased with results

BY LES G. MASTERTON
STAFF WRITER

In their first year at the pairs senior dance level, Jessica Valentine and Matt Kossack took home fifth place at last week's U.S. National Figure Skating Championships at the FleetCenter.

The two, who are Arlington High School graduates and living in Arlington for training, have been skating together in ice dancing since 1996.

Valentine is pleased with the finish.

"It was a good entry level into senior," said Jessica. "We're happy about it."

Originally from Greene, Maine, which is a few miles north of Lewiston, Valentine moved to Arlington four years ago. She met Kossack and they teamed up shortly after. During their first year together, the duo earned the title of U.S. National Champions of the novice level.

Since that initial success, the two won the bronze medal last year at the U.S. Nationals in the

junior level, which earned them a spot of representing the United States at Junior Worlds last year, where they placed 12th.

Valentine and Kossack are now in the senior level, the highest level in ice dancing.

Though the pair enjoyed their finish, the news included a twinge of disappointment. Kossack will have to have knee surgery and Valentine said they will be out of competition for a couple of months. With that in front of them, Valentine said they have not discussed their next step nor planned any future goals.

Jessica's grandmother, Peggy, said pairs skating is like a marriage.

"It's like a marriage without any of the fun," she joked.

In a pairs team, the two have to learn to accept the other's differences, strengths, and weaknesses, which is sometimes difficult for young skaters who are used to being the center.

"By the time they reach the senior level, they are one," she said.



Jessica Valentine and Matt Kossack

It was a happy time not only for Valentine, but another person in her Arlington household. Victoria Devins — who has lived with the Valentines for more than a year and attends AHS — and her partner, Kevin O'Keefe, won the national novice ice dancing crown at Matthews Arena last week.

Resident indicted by state grand jury

BY LAWRENCE PRUYNE
STAFF WRITER

An Arlington resident was indicted by a state grand jury and arraigned Jan. 18 on 135 criminal charges, including multiple counts of forgery, larceny, and receiving stolen property.

Eileen M. Stocker, 35, 19 Cleveland St., is accused of stealing purses from several Lexington schools last spring, making charges on credit cards and using them to open new checking and charge accounts, according to Lt. Robert Raposa of the Lexington Police Department.

The Arlington resident used the same strategy at four schools in Lexington, as well as schools in Norwood, Avon, Westwood,

Haverhill and West Boston. In Lexington, Stocker allegedly entered Harrington Elementary School on March 23 of last year, Bowman Elementary School on April 4, Fiske Elementary School on May 1, and the Waldorf School on May 17, and pilfered wallets out of teachers' pocket-books.

"Several thousand dollars was charged on 'victims' credit cards.... The estimated total for all towns was \$75,000.... She also used those credit cards to establish identification, or use the identification to open new accounts," Raposa said.

Stocker is being held on \$30,000 bail after being indicted in Suffolk Superior Court.

The Superior Court indictment

will enable prosecution on all the charges in a single trial.

"The attorney general took over because multiple counties are involved. When they cross counties, it's easier for the attorney general to hold one trial, rather than have a trial in every county," Raposa explained.

The arrest was the result of communications between local and Boston police. Lexington Police Det. Richard Corazzini contacted Steven Blair, detective of major crimes for the Boston Department, he added.

"Corazzini talked with Blair because they had similar cases and Blair was the one who identified Stocker," Raposa said.

According to Raposa, Stocker, has a history of similar offenses.

Paulsen holding office hours

Representative Anne M. Paulsen will hold office hours in Arlington on Friday, February 2, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and on Wednesday, February 21, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Fox Library at the corner of Cleveland Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

All East Arlington residents are welcome to come and meet Representative Paulsen, to let her know about concerns they have, or to ask for help with legislation or in dealing with state agencies.

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Town Hall rehabilitation affects offices

Due to the current Town Hall rehabilitation, it will be necessary to temporarily relocate some of the offices for a short time to allow for floor refinishing. The office relocations and effective dates are as follows:

Jan. 25-26 — Assessor's Office relocated to the Treasurer's Office — first floor of main building.

Feb. 1-2 — Town Clerk's Office relocated to the Personnel Office — third floor of the Town Hall Annex.

Feb. 8-9 — Treasurer's office relocated to the Assessor's Office — first floor of main building.

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Candidates, important dates for March election

Pair nabbed after unarmed robbery

Town-wide offices

The following people have taken out nomination papers.

Board of Selectmen – Vote for one
 *Kevin Greeley

School Committee – Vote for two
 *William Carey
 Teresa Bottoni
 Suzanne Baratta Owayda
 Paul Schlichtman

Town Moderator – Vote for one
 *John Worden

Board of Assessors – Vote for one
 *James Doherty

Housing Authority – Vote for one
 Olga Kahn
 Nicholas Mitropoulos

Town Meeting

Precinct 1 (three-year) — Vote for four
 *Martin Cuddy

Precinct 2 (three-year) — Vote for four
 *Augustine Cella
 Anthony Caseri
 *William Logan

Precinct 3 (three-year) — Vote for four
 *Osmano Boschi
 *Melissa Haussman

Precinct 4 (three-year) — Vote for four
 No candidates yet

Precinct 4 (two-year) — Vote for one
 Rona Logue

Precinct 5 (three-year) — Vote for four
 *M. Wendy Watson

Precinct 5 (two-year) — Vote for two
 No candidates yet

Precinct 6 (three-year) — Vote for four
 *Andrew Fischer
 *Phillip Scharff
 *Paul Schlichtman

Precinct 6 (one-year) — Vote for one
 No candidates yet

Precinct 7 (three-year) — Vote for four
 *Joseph Connors
 *Theodore Sharpe
 Laurence McKinney

Precinct 7 (one-year) — Vote for one
 Beth Ryan

Precinct 8 (three-year) — Vote for four
 *Carma Forgie
 *Clarissa Rowe
 *John Worden
 *Cindy Friedman

Precinct 9 (three-year) — Vote for four
 *Jerome Hallee

Precinct 10 (three-year) — Vote for four
 *Donnarose Russian
 *Barbara Costa
 Roberta Wehmeyer

Precinct 11 (three-year) — Vote for four
 No candidates yet

Precinct 12 (three-year) — Vote for four
 *Martin Thrope

Precinct 13 (three-year) — Vote for vote
 *Philip McCarthy

Precinct 14 (three-year) — Vote for four
 *Sarah Parker
 *Evelyn Smith DeMille

Precinct 14 (one-year) — Vote for one
 No candidates yet

Precinct 15 (three-year) — Vote for four
 *Richard Fanning
 *Brian Lavalle
 *Nancy Mara
 *Frank Ciano
 Teresa Botoni

Precinct 15 (one-year) — Vote for one
 No candidates yet

Precinct 19 (three-year) — Vote for four
 No candidates yet

Precinct 19 (one-year) — Vote for one
 No candidates yet

Precinct 20 (three-year) — Vote for four
 *Helen Binell
 *Raymond Bloom

Precinct 21 (three-year) — Vote for four
 *Freeland Abbott
 *Leslie Mayer
 Michael Malone
 *Incumbents

Important dates

Monday, Feb. 5 — Last day for Town Meeting members who are candidates for re-election to give written notice that they are running.

Thursday, Feb. 8 — Last day to obtain blank nomination papers.

Monday, Feb. 12 — Last day to submit nomination papers to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures.

Monday, Feb. 26 — Last day to file nomination papers with Town Clerk.

Wednesday, Feb. 28 — Last day to file withdrawals of and/or objections to all nomination papers.

Monday, March 12 — Last day to register voters for town election.

Saturday, March 31 — Annual town election.

Signatures required

Town offices — At least 50 certified voter signatures.

Town Meeting members — At least 10 certified voter signatures.

BY LES G. MASTERSON
 STAFF WRITER

Arlington police arrested two people Jan. 18 in connection with an unarmed robbery at Spy Pond Playground earlier this month.

Police arrested Michael Edwards, 45, 240 Albany St., Cambridge, and charged him with unarmed robbery and Patricia E. Davichick, 21, 121 Overlook Road, and charged her on a warrant for her alleged involvement in the Jan. 11 robbery. The arrests took place at 4:30 p.m. on Massachusetts Avenue.

Davichick had dated the victim for around four years, according to Lt. Det. James Moran. They had stopped dating and Davichick started seeing Edwards.

The two went to Spy Pond Playground on Jan. 11 and proceeded to rob the victim through force and intimidation of \$352. Preparing for the meeting, the victim hid his paycheck in a TV Guide in his duffel bag, but the suspects allegedly fished through his bag and took the check.

The victim went to police to report the incident and told them that the suspects told the victim to meet them after work on Massachusetts Avenue on Thursday since that was the victim's check-cashing day.

The Police Department took out a warrant for Davichick's arrest, but could not take out a warrant on Edwards because they didn't know his name at the time.

Moran and Inspector Joyce Wilson staked out the area, where the meeting was to take place. When the suspects arrived, police arrested the pair.

"They had every intention of doing it again," said Moran. "They were taking advantage of this kid."

Moran said Davichick had been stealing from the victim "for a long time."

Edwards is being held without bail until police can find his real identity. Moran estimates that Edwards has as many as eight aliases.

Davichick was released on \$275 bail and has a court date at the end of the month.

Quincy Street man saved by firefighters

Arlington firefighters rescued a man from a Quincy Street balcony that was in flames Monday.

The Fire Department received the call at 7:45 p.m. Monday after the person came home to find his couch and drapes on fire. Fire officials believe the blaze began when a candle at the end of an end table came into contact with curtains. The fire spread to a nearby couch, according to Fire Capt. Bob Casey.

After entering the home and viewing the fire, the man moved

the couch to the second-story porch and called 9-1-1.

When firefighters arrived, they saw the man trapped on the second-story. While the engine company used a hose to contain the fire, the ladder company was able to rescue the man.

Engine 2 proceeded to extinguish the blaze.

Casey said the department estimates \$25,000 worth of damage to the curtains, door frames, and wall in the living room and siding, columns, and floor on the porch.

— By Les G. Masterson

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School board prepares for MCAS

BY DANA FRONCZAK
STAFF WRITER

In submitting the School Committee's position paper on the MCAS test Tuesday, one committee member cautioned that while protest in words is encouraged, protest in action — such as another boycott — is not.

"There can be no message to test the waters of a lawsuit," said committee member Denis Sullivan, in defiance of the test. "This is a whole new ballgame."

The new "ballgame," is this year's 10th graders have to pass the test to graduate. The state Department of Education Tuesday lightened the load somewhat by offering students up to five chances to pass the test and eliminating some of the more difficult questions.

That was a small consolation to members.

"I'm for high-stakes testing," said committee member Michael Healy. "I've just never been in agreement with the way the state has implemented it."

Last year, more than two dozen Arlington High School students boycotted the standardized test and were subsequently suspended by AHS Principal Charles McCarthy.

A two-page summary of an eight-page position paper the committee produced summarizing the town's position on the test will be sent to every parent in the community. Copies of the larger document will be available at local schools.

In other news:

•After chiding the state's school ratings in relation to MCAS success and railing about a less-than expected increase in reimbursement for special education, the committee collectively threw up their hands.

"I think Mr. (David) Driscoll (the director of the DOE) must do damage control constantly," member David McKenna said. He was referring to mandates the committee was thinking must be thrown down from Gov. Paul Cellucci's office.

Based on increased expectations from the state, the committee was hopeful to see a rather large increase in the amount the state reimburses for special education placements, both private and within the school system. Special education alone will eat up \$6.1 million of the school department's budget this year.

The net gain, \$309,476.78, was substantial, said Marilyn E. Bisbicos, director of special education and pupil services, but not the number they were expecting.

"It is an increase. I don't want to give it back," said School Superintendent Kathleen Donovan.

But Donovan thinks the system won't see the money for a year. New policy by the Department of Education calls for towns to front 100 percent of the money for private special educational placements. Before the town and state split it 50-50.

Residential placements for profoundly disabled students are extremely expensive. Just six students, according to figures pre-

sented by Bisbicos, cost \$633,503.

•The department received a mixed message via the results of a comprehensive survey delivered to parents, teachers and students at the Ottoson Middle School.

Erin Phelps reported, a bit disappointedly, that only about 150 surveys were returned out of 900 handed out. Phelps is the mother of a seventh-grader at the Ottoson and has statistical background.

According to the responses, the people who comprise the Ottoson are its greatest asset, while the lack of air conditioning and curriculum improvements were viewed as the areas of concern.

A more detailed report should appear in a few weeks.

•Two Ottoson students also delivered the annual report about this year's Ottoson Olympiad.

An event run before and after school to raise money for charitable organizations, the Olympiad raised \$18,732.59 this year for organizations including the Jimmy Fund, the Arlington Boys and Girls Club, and the Salvation Army.

Students Caitlin Collins and John Costa delivered the happy news to a smiling batch of committee members.

"We've thought of putting out a Web site so we can do this statewide," said Costa.

In all, the Oylmpiad has raised over \$150,000 since it started.

•The committee announced that it voted to raise the salary of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum Joanne Gurry to \$92,000 and Director of Special Education Marilyn Bisbicos to \$82,000.

SNOW JOB



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Bob Cavaretta cleans off his windshield on Massachusetts Avenue during the height of Sunday's storm.

Health tip

The following is from the Arlington Board of Health:

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For consistency's sake, we'll stick with the fourth week of the month, but the day and time may change slightly. In the interest of getting everybody a chance to speak their mind, we're going to do one day session and one evening session.

This month, after you've digested this week's edition, I'll be at Carberry's on Friday, Jan. 26 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. If you can't make it during the day, I'll also be at Carberry's on Monday, Jan. 29 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

If you cannot attend the monthly sessions, you can also

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Election preparation requested

While there is no January meeting of the Arlington Democratic Town Committee, people should be thinking about the town election, which will be held on Saturday, March 31.

To run elections, the town needs people who are available to work at the polls on election day. Any registered voter can work for the town on election day as a poll worker. To be a poll worker, please call the selectman's office, 316-3020, and ask for Jean or Sandy. Ask them to place you on the list as a poll worker for the elections.

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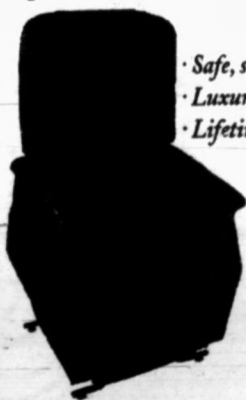
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Deadline for MCAS help

Arlington public schools are offering voluntary, free after-school MCAS preparation programs. The deadline for mailing applications is by Friday, Jan. 26, and programs are to begin Feb. 7 and last eight weeks.

The number and location of the programs will depend on how many students and teachers sign up.

These opportunities are for students who may need help responding to MCAS questions. These sessions are not comprehensive MCAS reviews. They will offer opportunities to think through MCAS-style questions and develop written responses. This year's MCAS tests are spread out over many grades. The grades to receive help are 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8. Last year, tests were given in grades 4 and 8 only.

Several programs are offered. Because of schedule overlaps, students may participate in only one. Students are expected to attend both 75-minute sessions Wednesday and Thursday during the eight weeks.

Notices went to parents in a letter dated Jan. 16. The letter included a list of programs and an application. Return completed applications to Curriculum & Instruction, P.O. Box 167, Arlington 02476.

An application is online at <http://www.town.arlington.ma.us/schools/sknotes/sknotes.htm#application>

Communication efforts for Ottoson

The second edition of the OMS News, the school newsletter published by the Ottoson Parent Advisory Committee, will be coming home in your child's backpack on or about Jan. 26. It contains a calendar of upcoming events, cluster news, OPAC news and other items of interest to parents. Ask your child for it.

An Ottoson Middle School parent has started a second e-mail list, this one to address a need for members to express opinions. Called the Ottoson Parents Forum, it is for any Ottoson school, education or any issue about raising adolescents in Arlington. Subscribe by clicking <http://www.egroups.com/group/OttosonParentsForum>. (Click on subscribe, at left, under Main Page, and follow the instructions.)

Upcoming at Ottoson:

- Thursday, Jan. 25: Parent education evening, "Talking to Your Kids About Sex," with Dr. Sharon Maxwell from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Ottoson cafeteria.

- School dance, Friday, Feb. 2, from 7 to 10 p.m., in the Ottoson cafeteria. Tickets are \$3, and must be purchased in advance during lunch period.

Other school e-mail lists

You can find the original list for Ottoson parents here: <http://www.egroups.com/group/ArlingtonMiddleSchool>.

Reach two other Arlington school e-mail lists via <http://www.egroups.com>. They are:

- Bishop:** <http://www.egroups.com/group/Bishop>

shopSchoolPTO.

AHS: <http://www.egroups.com/group/ArlingtonMAHighSchool>

Stratton fundraiser

The Stratton PTO invites you to make plans to celebrate Valentine's Day at the adults-only Country Sweetheart Dance and BBQ on Saturday evening, Feb. 10, at Town Hall.

Get together with old and new friends for an old-fashioned good time. Come with your honey and/or organize a table for eight to 10 people.

The award-winning Robin Right Band will provide the entertainment while you chow down on barbecue from Red-bones. There will be a cash bar, lots of raffles, a class-basket auction, prizes and surprises.

All proceeds from this fundraising event will support Stratton's education and enrichment programs. Tickets are \$35 per person and are on sale now.

For tickets or more information, call Laura Morrisette (648-0337).

Free Stratton dance

The PTO also invites Stratton families to an evening of dancing and fun Friday, Jan. 26, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Stratton auditorium. Music will be provided by Deuces are Wild, and admission is free.

Bring a dessert to share if you can. Every child must be accompanied by an adult.

Questions? Call Nina Martorana (648-7633).

Upcoming at Stratton:

- Jan. 30, Parent forum sponsored by the Elementary ACE program: "How Parents and Teachers Can Work Together to Provide Appropriately Challenging Learning Opportunities for Children," 7 p.m., in the auditorium.

- Feb. 7, PTO meeting, 6:45 p.m., in the auditorium.
- Feb. 13, Tribal Rhythms enrichment program, 9 a.m., in the auditorium.
- Feb. 27, School Council meeting.

Peirce bottle drive

Peirce PTO is sponsoring its monthly can and bottle drive, set for Friday, Jan. 26, from 8 to 9 a.m. at the school's Blossom Street entrance.

Donations of clean, deposit cans and plastic bottles (in separate bags), are most appreciated. Glass deposit bottles can be donated if they are placed in cardboard cartons or other equally sturdy containers.

All proceeds from this event benefit the Peirce PTO.

Added information: 316-3737.

Peirce fundraiser

Brighten your February vacation with the humorous Bob E. Thomas brings his Quest of Tyrone Troll to Arlington in a benefit for the Peirce PTO enrichment committee.

Thomas is a dancer and storyteller with a knack for connecting with children. In Quest of Tyrone Troll, Thomas combines dance and pantomime to present a high-energy original story, which promises action and audi-

ence participation.

The Peirce PTO will sponsor two shows with Thomas, on Tuesday, Feb. 20 — one from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., and from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Both shows will be presented at the Calvary Church, 300 Mass. Ave., East Arlington. The snow date for the show is Wednesday, Feb. 21.

Tickets for the show will be sold at the door for \$5, but to order tickets in advance for \$4 each, call 646-8514. Last year's fundraiser sold out.

Tribal rhythms at Brackett

On Thursday, Jan. 25, Brackett students were to have the opportunity to see tribal Rhythms perform. This event, brought by the cultural enrichment committee, is a blend of music, dance and dramatic stories inspired by the ancient origins of the arts.

The performance builds a sense of community by creating a festive atmosphere that strengthens group spirit and involves the entire audience in a celebration of their common roots. The performances will be held in the gymnasium at 8:30 a.m. for kindergarten through second grades and at 9:50 a.m. for third through fifth grades. Families and the public are invited to attend.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Arlington Arts Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Brackett PTO seeks fund help

The Brackett PTO is looking for a team to advise the PTO on tax-exemption, long-range planning and ways of giving. The PTO hopes to develop a Friends of Brackett fund and need your expertise. Call Melinda Friedman (641-4676) or Mary Poor (643-6574).

Brackett T-shirts

The PTO board approved funds for an initial order of a 100 T-shirts. Orders will be taken for a second printing. Money raised will go into the general fund.

Upcoming at Brackett:

- PTO board and committee chairs will meet Wednesday, Feb. 7, to plan winter/spring activities. Bring your ideas and needs.

Bishop thanked in coat effort

Amy Rosenstein, Alison Peterson, and Wendy Stewart have thanked Bishop families for their generous contributions to the coat drive for Casa Myrna Vazquez. They collected an impressive number of coats and other clothing.

Those at Casa Myrna Vazquez were very appreciative for such a large donation. They were sure that the clothes would be well used at their five shelters for women and kids in the Boston area.

KidStock at Dallin through March

This winter's KidStock project at Dallin is an original play based on the Harry Potter novel series.

The session began Jan. 18 and runs to March 29, from 2:20-3:20 p.m., likely in the auditorium for grades two through five.

Fliers went home in December; additional ones are in the office.

The program needs one parent to be in the building during rehearsal time. In return, your child's fee will be waived.

If interested, call Teri Muller (643-1297). Note the program will not be able to run without this position filled.

Also at Dallin:

- Interested in forming a committee to promote walking to school? The group would address such issues as buses, safety and walking events. Perhaps you're interested in forming a "walking bus" — a group of kids walking with two adults. Call Bonnie (648-3855).

- The next student council bottle-and-can drive is set for Feb. 6 and 7.

Kindergarten information

Bishop:

Incoming kindergarten parent orientation, Thursday, Feb. 1 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., for parents only.

Kindergarten registration at Bishop is set for March 8, for parents and children. It will involve a short visit to the classrooms.

The date and time for the story time with Bishop Principal Steve Caffe, for parents and children, is to be announced.

Dallin:

Registration is set for Wednesday, March 14, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the school.

Peirce:

Registration, Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m., in the Peirce auditorium, basement floor. The school entrance on Newland Road will be open.

A panel will briefly discuss the procedure for filling out registration forms, PTO activities, kindergarten curriculum and the kindergarten from the parents' viewpoint.

A coffee hour will follow. Registration materials will be provided. Forms must be filled out and returned on registration day, Wednesday, March 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. A child born in 1996 is eligible to enter kindergarten for the 2001-2002.

Parents must bring to registration: birth, certificate and immunization records. Questions? Call 316-3736.

Hardy:

Registration set for Tuesday, March 13, at Hardy at Stratton, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Forms will be mailed mid-February. Please bring completed packet, a copy of your child's birth certificate and Social Security number and proof of Arlington residency (utility bill, tax bill or lease agreement). Questions? Contact Linda Garrity (316-3782).

Stratton:

Registration and orientation to be held Tuesday, Feb. 13 (snow date Feb. 15). The schedule will be:

7:30 to 9:30 a.m., registration
5:30 to 6:30 p.m., registration

6:30 to 7:30 p.m., orientation (PowerPoint presentation followed by a question-and-answer period.)

Thompson:

Kindergarten information night, Thursday evening, March 1, from 6:30 to 8.

Registration Thursday, March 8, 9 to 11 a.m.

The school mailed registration packets in mid-January.

Bring to registration a completed packet, a copy of your child's birth certificate, the child's Social Security number and proof of Arlington residency.

Contact Susan Annis (316-3768) if you have not received your registration packet or if you have any questions.

Parent forums to resume

Parent Education Forums, 2000-2001, continue in February with "Brain Gym: A Readiness Program for Whole-Brain Learning," for parents grades K-12 Thursday, Feb. 8, Bishop School, 7 to 9 p.m.

Join in this interactive presentation on the Brain Gym Program, which teaches integrative movements that facilitate effective communication between brain and body. These simple exercises can reduce stress, increase creativity and empower the learner in all of us. The presenter is Bonnie Hershey of the Kinesiology Connection, Lexington. The snow date is Thursday, Feb. 15.

These programs are sponsored and funded by the Arlington public schools' health education, family & consumer science departments, Title I, guidance and counseling services, the Robbins Library Russell Fund, the Board of Youth Services, the Parent Involvement Project, school PTOs and The Human Rights Commission.

A full list of the forums are online at <http://www.town.arlington.ma.us/skforums.htm>.

AHS PC lab volunteer

Every Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 to 4 p.m., a community volunteer will be available in the Arlington High School computer lab to assist students with their academic subjects as well as with computer projects. Joseph Glendenning has an extensive background in writing, mathematics and history. He is eager to help and is expected to be a valuable resource for AHS students.

School news, events

Tell the public the news about your public school by telling Bob Sprague, communication specialist for Arlington public schools. E-mail school-related items to bsprague1@rcn.com or call 641-4490 by 10:30 a.m. any Monday for publication in The Advocate the following Thursday. He also posts school information on the town's Web site, Arlington Online, at: <http://www.town.arlington.ma.us/> and lists upcoming school events at the site's online calendar.

ON CAMPUS

An Arlington High School math team took third place recently in Math Challenge 2000 at UMass Lowell. **Matthew Cleinman, Maxwell Felsher, Anthea Medyn, and Karen Minns** each participated in the annual event in which students compete for prizes during several rounds of Jeopardy-style math questions. The competition for prizes is similar to an athletic event, with contention keen and students cheering one another on.

The Arlington High coach was Doreen Kilday.

The three top teams, whose members each received a \$2,000 scholarship to UMass Lowell, renewable annually if a GPA of 3.0 is maintained, where Lexington High School, first place; Bedford High School, second place; and Arlington High School, third place. Billerica High School received the award for being the most spirited team.

Matignon High School recognized the academic achievement of these students for the quarter.

Class of 2001 — Academic Distinction: **Kyu Young Lee**. Class of 2002 — Honors: **Sean Hough**. Class of 2004 — Honors: **Jessica Stirrat**.

Heather M. DeVito and Edward J. Mezer of Arlington have been offered admission to Colby College in Maine under Colby's early decision program. They are scheduled to enroll in the fall, following their graduation from Arlington High School.

DeVito is the daughter of Caryn L. Gillis and Alfred M. DeVito Jr. of Arlington. At Arlington High School, she has been active in hockey and National Honor Society and served as captain of the softball team. With her acceptance, DeVito is one of 144 students admitted for early-decision admission to Colby.

Mezer is the son of Harry C. Mezer and Eleanor P. Mezer of Arlington. At Arlington High School, he has been active in lacrosse and served as captain of the football team.

Students from Arlington High School recently toured Logan International Airport as guests of the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport).

The group was given a tour featuring a behind the scenes look at the nation's 17th busiest airport.

Michael Basile, a senior at Tilton and son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Basile of Arlington, has been named to the honor roll for the 1st Trimester.

Randy Ferruffino, son of Juan Carlos and Elizabeth Ferruffino of Arlington, was honored recently for achieving academic honors for the first trimester of the year at Belmont Hill School. Randy is in Form I of Belmont Hill School.

Marion Kranz of Arlington, has been inducted into Alpha Kappa Mu, a chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international Honor Society for community college students. Ms. Kranz will graduate from Bunker Hill Community College in Charlestown this spring.

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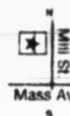


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ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NOTES

Town of Arlington Scholarship "Dollars for Scholars" — The town scholarship is now available in Main Guidance. These must be returned to Ms. Fischer by March 1 with an official transcript.

AFL - CIO Scholarship Exam — given during second period Wednesday, Feb. 7. Register with Ms. Fischer in Guidance.

Massachusetts Academy of Mathematics and Science — An informational meeting will be held 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 31 at Worcester Polytechnic Institute at the Kinnicutt Lecture Hall. The Academy is a public high school located on the WPI campus in Worcester and is a collaborative effort of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and its public schools. The Academy is free to all residents of Massachusetts. Students spend their junior and senior years at the Academy. Interested students should contact Main Guidance.

The "Job Shadow" Program — Juniors interested in spending the day observing people at their workplace can sign up in main guidance or see Ms. Blackstock, guidance intern. Career options include nurse, engineer, software developer, attorney and more.

ATHENA 2001 — A conference for high school women organized by a group of Harvard students, brings over 100 high school women from Massachusetts to the Harvard campus for a full day of activities focused on women's experiences. Call Jennie Choi, (617) 493-6334 for information.

2nd Annual MEP Career Day — At the University of Massachusetts, Amherst (minority engineering program), Wednesday, March 28, 2001. Contact UMass for information.

Onlinecollegefair.com — Chat live with admission reps, students and faculty. Visit www.OnlineCollegeFair.com for complete fair descriptions and registration information.

FAFSA forms are available in the guidance department. See Ms. Fischer.

College financing resources Massachusetts Education Financing Authority: www.mefa.org; 1-800-449-MEFA

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Mass. Higher Education Info. Center: www.heic.org; 1-800-442-1171

Office of Student Financial Assistance: www.osfa.mass.edu; 1-800-ED-AID-4U

Federal Student Aid Processing: www.fafsa.ed.gov; 1-800-4-FEDAID College Scholarship Service-Profile: www.collegeboard.org; 1-800-778-6888

U.S. Department of Education: www.ed.gov; 1-800-USA-LEARN

Financial Aid Homepage: www.finaid.org

FastWEB Scholarship Search: www.fastweb.com

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Think College Early: www.ed.gov/thinkcollege/early/

College is Possible: www.collegeispossible.org

Mapping Your Future: www.mapping-your-future.org

Federal Student Aid Information Center — Call toll-free 1-800-4-FED-AID, 8 a.m. to noon, seven days a week. Information specialists will answer questions about federal student aid or assist students in completing applications.

Kaplan Free Orientation — Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7 p.m. at Arlington High School, for parents and students. Discussion includes competitive PSAT and SAT scores, college admission information, and test-taking strategies.

University of Mass Medical School's High School Health Careers Program — A four week tuition-free residential program that enhances the participants' academic skills, communication skills, and knowledge in science. Participants gain "hands-on" experience by interacting with health providers through on-site internship placements. Program begins Sunday, July 8, 2001; application deadline is

March 1, 2001. See Ms. Fischer for application.

Kaplan Free Orientation at Arlington High — Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7 p.m., for parents and students. Topics include: competitive PSAT and SAT scores, college admission information, and test-taking strategies.

Collegesource — A college search resource provided to Minute-man Library Network patrons on the home-users page. Log on www.mln.lib.ma.us.

College savings programs

U Plan College Savings Program — prepaid tuition program; lock in tomorrow's tuition at today's rates; 82 participating colleges and universities. Call 1-800-449-MEFA for information.

U Fund College Investing Plan — tax-advantaged investing opportunity; use at any college for all qualified educational expenses; managed funds by Fidelity Investments. Call 1-800-544-2776 for information.

Apply 2001 CD ROMs are available in Guidance. To apply online see Ms. Fischer.

Selective Service Registration — Male students have the responsibility to register so they are not denied benefits such as student loans, federal job training programs and federal employment. Register online at www.sss.gov or at the local post office.

The Guidance Office/Career Center is open daily Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. College information videos and catalogs are available to students and parents.

Seniors: Amtrak coupons for 50 percent off are available in Guidance. These can be used for college visits. See Ms. Fischer if interested.

CSS/financial aid profile information available in the main guidance office for seniors.

Common applications are available in the guidance office.

Open House/Information Sessions

Lyndon State College, Vt. — Open House Feb. 10. Call the Admis-

sions Office, (800) 225-1998.

Saint Joseph College, Conn. — Financial Aid Workshop, 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 20 and an Open House, Saturday, Feb. 3, at noon.

New England College — To arrange a visit or for information call 1-800-521-7642.

Framingham State College — Saturday sessions will be held on Jan. 27, Feb. 1 and March 3. To schedule a visit call (508) 626-4500.

Adventures in Veterinary Medicine — A two-week long session offered for high school students includes lectures, demonstrations, "shadow" experience, panel discussions, admissions advice, an application-writing workshop, ethics case studies and speakers addressing areas of specialty. Admission to the program remains competitive. No deadline for applying although it is highly recommended that applications be received in early February. Apply online at www.tufts.edu/vet/avm/adventure.html or call (508) 839-7962.

Culinary Institute of America (New York) — Saturday information sessions, Jan. 20, 27. Call 1-800-285-4627.

Scholarships

Syrian-Lebanese Women's Club of Greater Boston — \$1,000 scholarship awards will be given to women of Arab-American origin, residing in Massachusetts within a five mile radius of Boston, who plan to pursue a four-year college education. Call (617) 484-3844 for an application. Deadline is March 31.

Armenian Women's Educational Club — \$500 will be awarded to four high school students who have been accepted to a four year college. Applications and qualification materials are located in main guidance.

The Rebekah Assembly of Massachusetts Memorial Scholarship — A \$500 scholarship is being offered and a possibility of a matching \$500

from the National Service Scholarship Program. Deadline for application is March 10.

Hanscom AFB "Wives' Clubs' Scholarship — Eligible students include students who hold a valid military ID card as a dependent of a retired, deceased, or current active duty military member in any branch of service. These are merit-based scholarships. A student's demonstrated sense of responsibility, leadership, citizenship, and diversity of interest weigh heavily, in addition to academic achievement. Applications available in guidance; deadline is March 16.

The Golub Foundation — Ten scholarships are available. Applications and eligibility requirements available in guidance.

Ruth S. T. Cotting Memorial Scholarship — Two \$1400 scholarships to students entering their freshman year at The University of Massachusetts who will be majoring in environmental sciences, agriculture, or other related fields. Applications available in Guidance must be submitted by May 14.

Order Sons of Italy in America Grand Lodge of Massachusetts — 2001 Scholarship Program for students, each one will be awarded a scholarship minimum of \$500 sent to his/her college one half at the beginning of the second semester of the first year. Winners will be notified by April 2001. Transcript, personal letter and a letter of recommendation from the guidance counselor must be submitted with the application. Deadline is March 1.

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias Domain of Massachusetts — Two scholarships in the amount of \$250 to students who best qualify, based on their altruistic services to the community. Send a written resume of achievements with the reason they feel they are qualified to receive the award along with two recommendations. Send letters to 458 Pearl St., Stoughton, MA 02072, Attn: Humanitarian Award. Letters must be received by office on or before March 15. Call 344-4096.

Tomorrow's Teacher Scholarship — A four-year tuition scholarship to eligible students who enroll in a teacher certification program at any Massachusetts college or university, public or independent. Scholarships for students who attend independent colleges are capped at the maximum awarded at public colleges. Students must rank in the top 25 percent of their high school class and agree to teach for four years in a Massachusetts public school. Applications must be filed by Feb. 15. The Board of Higher Education will notify recipients by March 1. Applications available in Guidance.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

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Week of Jan. 29

Monday

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Tuesday

Roast turkey, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce.

Wednesday

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Thursday

N/A

Friday

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ELEMENTARY

Monday

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Tuesday

Roast turkey, baked potato, green beans.

cranberry sauce; cheeseburger, pretzels, applesauce, chef's salad, bread stick, grape juice.

Wednesday

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Restaurants gear up for Valentine's Day

Most of this month's dining news focuses on the special dinners and delectable sweets being prepared by Arlington restaurants and bakeries for Valentine's Day. If you have a sweetheart to pamper, you'll find a wide variety of dining options for your Feb. 14 celebration.

VALENTINE'S DAY DINING NEWS: The Arlington Bakery and Pastry Shop, 187 Mass. Ave., will sell white and chocolate heart-shaped cakes, heart-shaped cookies, and small boxes of Italian chocolate. Advanced orders required. Cake prices: \$17-\$18. Closed Mon. Call: 646-7444.

A heart-shaped cake, with two flavors of ice cream or yogurt and your special message written on top, is available from Ben & Jerry's, 451 Mass. Ave. Advanced orders required. Price: \$13.50. Call: 648-7044.

The Chateau, 645 Mass. Ave., will serve the regular menu and a separate menu, with lobster and shrimp marinara. Reservations accepted. Call: 643-7200.

Hora, 190 Mass. Ave., will feature a special three-course dinner. Price: \$50 per person. Likely menu items include Duck in Andouille

Sausage Gumbo with Fried Oysters; Asparagus and Shiitake Spring Rolls with a Spicy Peanut Dipping Sauce; Lamb Rack Chops and Slow-Cooked Shanks with White Beans, Olives, and Rosemary; and Chocolate Trio for Two. Reservations strongly suggested. Hours: 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Call: 641-1664.

Gala Ristorante, 138 Mass. Ave., will have the regular menu and some romantic specials. Reservations accepted for all size parties. Call: 646-1404.

La Buona Vita, 450 Mass. Ave., will have a special menu. Call for details. Reservations suggested. Call: 641-4734.

Lakota Bakery, 1373 Mass. Ave., specializes in cakes and cookies. All cakes made to order; 48 hours notice required. Open daily, except Sun. Call: 646-0121.

Neillio's, 218 Mass. Ave., will feature crabmeat ravioli. Customers can order in advance or stop by. Call: 643-6644.

Prose, 352A Mass. Ave., will feature a special 3-course dinner. Two seatings. Price: \$50. Reservations requested. Call: 648-2800.

Quebrada Baking Co., 208 Mass. Ave., will sell heart-shaped cakes in chocolate, carrot, and yellow.

Two sizes: \$6 and \$12. Advanced orders requested. Three types of heart-shaped cookies are available: shortbread, chocolate-dipped, and raspberry-filled. Price: \$12/pound, for shortbread; \$15 for others. Call: 648-0700.

The Village Fish, 464 Mass. Ave., will feature the regular menu plus a Valentine's Day special of lobster fra diavolo and a bottle of champagne. Reservations accepted. Call: 483-3474.

Ye Olde Bake Shoppe, 916 Mass. Ave., will sell heart-shaped cookies and vanilla, chocolate, and marble cakes. Advanced cake orders requested. Open daily. Call: 646-2253.

OTHER DINING NEWS: Blue Plate Express, 315 Broadway, will prepare pans of lasagna, balsamic chicken, and brisket for your Super Bowl party. A variety of side dishes will also be available. Call: 646-4545.

Neillio's, 218 Mass. Ave., has two new prepared items available daily: Arancini (rice with ground beef, mozzarella and parmesan cheeses, rolled in a large ball, sautéed, and served with tomato sauce), and Mozzarella and Eggplant Caruso (grilled marinated eggplant layered with plum tomatoes, basil, and mozzarella cheese). Call: 643-6644.

Prose, 352A Mass. Ave., will be closed for vacation the week of

Feb. 19. Will reopen Feb. 27. Call: 648-2800.

THE COOKBOOK SHELF: Debi Fields' Great American Desserts (Simon and Schuster, 2000) is the fourth cookbook by this mother of five daughters and founder of Mrs. Fields Cookies. Fields shares 100 recipes in this edition, celebrating all areas of the country.

Chocolate Passion (Wiley & Sons, 2000) was written by the team of Tish Boyle and Timothy Moriarty and inspired by the creative editors of Chocolatier magazine. The recipes are divided into white chocolate, milk chocolate, and dark chocolate. This book is meant for the experienced baker as the recipes are complicated and time consuming, but sensational. Price: \$39.95

Death by Chocolate Cakes (William Morrow, 2000) is the newest cookbook by Marcel Desaulniers, author of Death by Chocolate. The recipes are unusual, but geared for the home kitchen. You'll definitely impress guests with any of these — Uncle Sam's in the Black Cake, Julia's 85th Birthday Cake, and The King's Chocolate Peanut Butter Banana Bourbon Cake. Price: \$35

Send comments to Anne-Marie Seltzer, The Arlington Advocate, 9 Meriam St., Lexington, MA 02173. E-mail: amseltzer@yahoo.com.

Motor vehicle fatalities more common in 1939

The following are items that appeared in The Advocate during January 1939.

"Making the sixth fatal accident for 1938 and the fourth for the month of December, [a Fessenden Road resident] was killed in the early morning of the last day of the year when he crossed Massachusetts Avenue near Mill Street on his way to work. He was struck by an oil truck... The injured man was rushed to Symmes Arlington Hospital in the police ambulance, but he passed away of a fractured skull shortly after arrival. The driver was arrested and charged with driving so as to endanger and manslaughter."

"Stig Schroeder, of 9 Belknap St., and noted Arlington distance swimmer, was the principal in the group of skaters who rescued no less than seven from drowning in Spy Pond when the ice broke in spots. A tremendous amount of excitement was created among the spectators, as well as in the Boston press, when one after another [fell] into the water. But after the first rescue by Schroeder, the skaters, with the help of the police and fire departments, had things pretty well organized and the victims were snaked out onto the ice with little difficulty."

"In spite of constantly increasing population by immigration from other cities and towns, all of Arlington's vital statistics show decreases in 1938 over the previous year, according to figures completed this week in the office of Town Clerk Earl A. Ryder. The most amazing reduction was one of 20 percent in the number of deaths, there

were nearly 100 less in 1938 than in the previous year."

"Sixteen professional vaudeville entertainers, members of the Federal Theatre Project, will make an appearance in this town at Brackett School hall, Eastern Avenue, at 7:30 p.m."

Looking Back



LES MASTERSON

Editorial: "It would seem — yes, it is really very apparent — that the town's other editor [of the Arlington News] lost his temper last week because someone dared to find fault with his idea of moving Cyrus E. Dallin's statue, 'The Hunter,' to a position nearer Massachusetts Avenue. Nevertheless, at the risk of ruffling his delicate editorial feelings once more, we repeat that the one-man agitation to take the Indian out of his natural setting and stick him up in the open... is utterly lacking in good taste."

"Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Peirce of 1171 Massachusetts Avenue celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a family dinner party at their home."

"[A Blossom Street man] reported that someone stole a sweater off his dog. It was a nice green one trimmed with white."

"George N. Moody, 17 David Ave., broke the alley record for Boston pins at the Middlesex Sportsman's Association clubhouse in a match in the Newton League last week... smashing the league single-string record when he bowled the astonishing total of 191."

Les Masterson is editor of The Arlington Advocate.

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Armstrong needs more

■ **AMBULANCE**, FROM PAGE 1

Medicare \$309.12 for patient services, the basic rate for ALS treatment in 2001, and bills the person's private insurance plan. Armstrong then reimburses the town \$130 plus \$6 per mile for the BLS ambulance.

According to Brian Connor, chief executive officer at Armstrong, last year the average reimbursement was \$148 for a run to the hospital with ALS.

"(But) this system is losing \$567,000 a year so we have to do something about it. Considering that we're losing money, we were going to have a meeting at some time," Connor said.

"Armstrong can no longer bill for the combined services, as the provider of the transportation must submit the bill to Medicare," Connor said in a letter to selectmen in all 11 towns.

The BLS ambulance that carries the patient to the hospital is considered the "wheels," the provider of transport, and is owned by each town, who must now do the billing. But Armstrong has delayed instituting the changes, one way or another, until Feb. 1.

For the people of Arlington, they will see "no change whatsoever," Farrington said.

Do it Yourself?

But Director of Fire Services Richard Maimone wants the town of Arlington to consider dropping Armstrong Ambulance and developing the town's own ALS service.

That would require certified paramedics joining the staff of the Arlington Fire Department. The main difference between providers of BLS and ALS rests with their education. BLS workers are emergency medical technicians, while ALS requires paramedics.

"I have openings to fill positions right now," said Maimone. He said he anticipates four openings by May, and would like to fill them with paramedics.

Maimone thinks it's a logical step for fire departments to incorporate ALS services into their regimen. Increasingly, medical calls assume a higher percentage of a fire department's total responses throughout the year. Approximately two-thirds of the calls were medical, he said. That's up from 52 percent in 1999.

Right now, 58 of Arlington's 85 firefighters are certified as EMTs. While Maimone would have to start with new hires, he said he could retrain his existing staff to become paramedics.

"The other problem is, who backs us up. Is it Armstrong? Is it other cities and towns?" Maimone said.

Farrington exercised caution when talking about how quickly Arlington could assume running its own ALS service.

"If Armstrong can no longer provide services, the town could not instantaneously take it over and continue it," Farrington said. "It would take two to five years to bring this service to the town."

Fiscal reality hampers tax relief

■ **POLICY**, FROM PAGE 1

gram is effective because, unlike some programs like the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit for the working poor and lower middle class, citizens can actually gain a refund from this program. Other programs like the earned income only reduce a person's tax burden to zero.

Havern said he has sympathy for the property rich and cash poor.

"The problem is threefold," he said. "The cost of water, plus auto insurance, plus any override issues (with local taxes). You've got yourself into a bad situation by non-discretionary costs. I guess it's of little consolation to have a house worth \$400,000. It's an asset, but it's not very liquid."

Havern said he's worried about senior citizens, but is more concerned about the generation that includes his son and the debt they are ensnared through student loans and the increasing rate of inflation over income.

"We don't want a frustrated generation," said Havern. "It's very difficult for children of Arlingtonians to stay in Arlington. They're making family decisions based on economics."

Though there's an economic downturn that many experts believe is just glimmering over the horizon, all three legislators agree that Arlington won't bear much brunt. That's good news for many, but bad news for people like Ellen Donoghue (see related story, Page 1).

"I don't have a crystal ball," Paulsen said. "It would take some doing to have housing in the near future come down. What happens in three years is related to what happens in the entire region. We do have the pressures of new people coming in. What I suppose is that if there was a real downturn, there wouldn't be so many jobs. And the vacancy rate is low."

Havern said he knows Donoghue personally. He also knows that she wasn't happy with his response to her requests for help.

"She gets mad at us. I understand," said Havern. "There's no answer for her... She's not elderly, she doesn't get the circuit breaker. She's disabled, but not elderly qualified. That's a legal issue. She's in a unique situation."

Havern said he will support the additional exemption for disabled people under 65, but questions if the bill will garner the necessary support to get through the house.

The "In" Factor

Arlington has formed a reputation in the past five years as a destination: more ethnically-diverse restaurants, a livelier arts community, a resident-approved mandate to rebuild every elementary school in the district. But how ironic would it be if the new Indian and Vietnamese restaurants in the center were only serving rich white people?

But that big, loaded "G" word — gentrification — has reared its head and huge tax increases could be the snake charmer.

But some aren't charmed. They're worried.

"Well, I think it moves the issue of affordable housing further and further from the city," said Paulsen. "(Urban areas have become) less and less affordable. It's harder and harder for working class people to stay in Arlington. I think we've had a good mix in the past. I think the issue is difficult for older people who live on fixed incomes."

The evidence is there that there's been a reversal, to some degree, of how people migrate as they grow older. Instead of residents starting in areas like Somerville and Cambridge, they're starting in the outer suburbs where it's more affordable and moving in. Havern thinks there is also a quality of life issue involved.

"Here's the problem for Arlington," he said. "If you're living in New Hampshire, the cost of parking and gas is a huge issue." So now, he said, "people pay a little more for a house closer to Boston but save in the long run on daily expenses."

"My fear is that we will lose our senior and our working class populations," said Marzilli. "It will become unaffordable for town employees to live here."

Those folks may get replaced by affluent, childless couples with disposable income and low demand for services.

"People are frequently not interested in paying for services that don't affect them," said Paulsen. "But that's like suggesting you don't need fire engines because my house hasn't burned down."

But they cautioned that the situation is not dire.

"There will always be some diversity," said Marzilli. "Even with the change in assessments, some people will be harmed, but some will see a decrease in taxes because of the cap on total taxes brought about by Proposition 2 1/2. That's not help to people who will be squeezed out of Arlington. But some people will see some help. And for those people who are able to survive, they will see significant relief in future years if they are eligible for the circuit breaker."

Resident battles to stay in town

■ **DONOGHUE**, FROM PAGE 1

The drastic spike in her property value means that Donoghue likely has to sell the home she has spent her life in.

"I probably would have kept going if it weren't for this revaluation," she said sitting at her dining room table, smoking a cigarette.

But she doesn't see how she can now, considering her property taxes alone eat up 25 percent of her income. On Donoghue's statement from the town, it already showed that she's behind on her second payment, which means she has already accrued interest on the \$4,595.01 in taxes she has to pay this year.

She doesn't lay blame on the Assessor's office ("Bob Greeley's been very good to me," she said).

"This zone is properly evaluated," she said.

Instead, she's looking to the state to revamp what she considers to be arcane state laws regarding abatements.

"They're out of date," she said.

The numbers paint a telling story. Even though Arlington's tax rate dipped \$4.49 last year from \$17.66 to \$13.17, the drastic increase in her property value from \$216,000 to \$348,000 propelled her taxes up \$780.45. Incremental increases in her social security and disability benefits fail to keep up with the increases in her property taxes in the average

year, never mind in a booming economy.

Donoghue said she submitted an application for the fund sponsored by the Housing Corporation of Arlington. She's applying for any exemption she can and even thought of more drastic measures.

"I was going to go down to Town Hall with a tin cup and sit there," she said, breaking into a smile and a laugh.

And obviously, she's going to appeal to the Assessor's Board.

Donoghue, who has epilepsy and other physical disabilities, relies on Social Security Disability Income and a long-term disability benefit payment she receives from her former employer, Prudential. Her last day of work was in 1982.

Though she hasn't resigned herself to make the phone call to a realtor yet, Donoghue feels the inevitable now. Five years ago, Donoghue lamented about a 3 percent rise in her property value. This year it's \$348,900, a 61 percent jump.

As the wallpaper fades and her stairs shift, Donoghue watches her home fall into further disrepair.

"I'm comfortable here. The Fire Department knows me very well," (as the result of epileptic attacks) and she said they know exactly who and where she is. "I like it here. I know people. And it's going to be a shame when I have to leave. What alternative do I have?"

Board openings

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EDITORIAL

Innovation needed,
not more testing

In California, Gov. Gray Davis is calling for 30 days to be tacked on to the school year for all middle school students who are falling behind. New York officials are talking about ending the school day after dark and holding classes on Saturday. Education reform, a hot-button issue since the 1984 "A Nation at Risk" report, is generating new ideas and initiatives from coast to coast.

But not in Massachusetts. Here, we're still trying to squeeze some value out of the education reform initiative launched eight years ago. We're fighting old battles, not exploring new ideas.

The Legislature is gearing up for a tug-of-war between cities and suburbs over the state school aid formula. The governor is busy defending the MCAS tests. With state revenues shrinking and his tax cut kicking in, he's in no position to push expensive programs.

Dramatic initiatives are equally hard to find at the local level. Most school committees are busy building new schools to keep up with growing enrollment. Most superintendents are trying to deal with the special education budget and the MCAS tests.

Innovation is the exception, not the rule. Charter schools are trying new ideas, but these reach only a handful of students. As always, great work is being done by individual teachers and some schools. But in the most obvious ways, our schools haven't changed in generations. Children arrive all at the same time and leave six hours later. The school calendar was born out of the needs of farmers and frozen into place by summer jobs, family vacations and lack of air conditioning.

Massachusetts toyed with extending the school day in the mid-'90s, setting minimum time requirements for academic instruction. Most school districts acted grudgingly and incrementally, shortening lunch periods and eliminating study halls — anything to avoid actually keeping students in school after 2 p.m. We know of no school that has broken out of the conceptual strait-jacket that expects students of diverse abilities to be educated on the same schedule.

The need for new education initiatives is urgent. A study released this month by the Mass. Institute for a New Commonwealth found that more than 1 million workers lack the skills needed for the new economy. That includes 667,000 high school graduates who don't have the basic math, reading and analytic skills to apply a bar graph to a task, write a simple business letter or figure out a train schedule.

Despite a huge investment, measurable progress from the Education Reform Act of 1993 has been elusive. Standardized tests show little improvement. Whether justified or not, public confidence in the public schools remains low. But it would be foolish to assume that one piece of legislation would "fix" the schools, our schools, for good. In a changing world, education reform should be a continuous process. The question is not whether education reform has worked or not, but where does education reform go from here?

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Multiple problems with MWRA's idea

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's (MWRA) proposal, to dig a 3.4-acre retention pond in the MDC's Alewife Reservation for West Cambridge's stormwater overflow, continues to generate concern among residents of flood-prone areas of Arlington, Belmont, and Cambridge.

Having been given space in the Dec. 7 *Advocate* for my own Guest Column on the subject, I appreciate *The Advocate's* further coverage in the form of Guest Columns by Arlington resident David Stoff and Cambridge resident Ellen Mass.

I stated that Cambridge's stormwater problem was partly of its own making — overdeveloping and over-paving already low-lying areas, leaving no place for stormwater to drain. MWRA's solution, to dump it in the MDC's Alewife Reservation, suffers from multiple problems:

- This "solution" simply offloads a West Cambridge problem onto its flood-prone neighbors. The area's existing problems should be fixed, not worsened. The excess water it receives during storms already contributes to flooding. MDC land should be managed for all Massachusetts residents, to improve natural habitat and its potential for passive recreation; it should not become a dump for Cambridge's untreated stormwater.

- Digging an artificial 3.4-acre "retention pond" is a disposition of public, MDC land that requires the Legislature's consent. Dumping is inconsistent with the MWRA's previously stated goal, from which it is now trying to back away, of improving the area's water quality to Class B (fishable and swimmable). The Town of Arlington recently voted to adopt this goal.

- Finally, I suggested alternative locations for storing West Cambridge's stormwater: under the affected area's own streets, under Cambridge Park Drive, or in above-ground tanks near Fresh Pond. These options, all of which are technically feasible, are more expensive than the proposed dumping, but are more ecologically responsible and more equitably distribute the costs — to Cambridge, not its neighbors.

I'm pleased to see David Stoff take my policy concerns further. What I didn't realize, and David did, is that the politicized process that distributes the cost of revamping our obsolete infrastructure distributes that cost unequally.

Current MWRA ratepayers who live in the Alewife floodplain are forced to fund "improvements" in the system's capacity that will benefit developers of nearby, proposed office projects. These capacity improvements will largely be "used up" by the half-dozen large projects currently proposed for the Alewife area. To add injury to insult, these "improvements" will fail to solve current flooding and sewage problems.

In contrast, Ellen Mass' article is disappointing. She fails to make clear whether her views are strictly her own or are those of Friends of Alewife Reservation (FAR), which she heads. I have attended the same MWRA meetings she did, and she is simply repeating MWRA public statements without substantiating them any more than did the MWRA.

While FAR and Ellen have done good work with their cleanups and nature walks in the Reservation, their understanding of policy and technical issues has been — and continues to be — flawed.

Among the basic questions which neither the MWRA nor Ellen have answered are:

- In the midst of a large floodplain, why

such concern about one small dry area? Why not let nature take its course?

- Why spend so much taxpayer money to pipe dirty water from West Cambridge, dig a big hole in a nature reservation to hold it, and then let it leak into a river that should be cleaned up? At least with the Big Dig in Boston, we get a tunnel out of it!

- The dirty water intended to fill the hole is intended to gradually seep into Little River. However, the hole is unlined and extends below the water table. What will prevent the water table from filling it from the bottom? What will prevent Little River from infiltrating its sides?

- The stormwater that fills the hole will contain dissolved gas, oil, grit, sand, and road salt. No treatment to remove this has been proposed. Will these contaminants gradually fill in the hole, leach into the surrounding soil, or make their way into Little River?

- If the national standard for number of sewer discharges per year is four, why does the MWRA find seven acceptable for Alewife?

- The MWRA's own computer model predicts that in a 10-year storm, the surface level of Little River will rise between 0.6 and 1.4 inches. Regardless of the magnitude, how can the MWRA justify any increase in such a flood-prone area?

Until the MWRA can come up with better answers to these and other questions than it has provided the public so far, it had better stick to the drawing board, lest it be sent back there. And I hope that Ellen Mass will join me, David Stoff, and other concerned residents in asking the MWRA these and other questions.

Aram Hollman is a member of the Alewife Coalition, but in this column he is only speaking for himself.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sidewalk plows needed

Physical access to the necessities of life is a matter of justice.

If people were denied access to food, housing, medical care, transportation or education, we would fight for their rights to these important resources. This would be the fair thing to do and the right thing to do.

Yet if thousands of dollars and tens of thousands of dollars a year are spent to make the resources in our town accessible only to car drivers, we accept it. No one is asked to change burnt out streetlight bulbs in front of their house, or to rebind the library books they borrow or to plow the public street in front of their house. These are all considered public responsibilities and are funded with public tax money.

So why is it considered a private responsibility to clear the snow from public sidewalks? Why is it a given that public money will be spent to clear the streets of snow while clearing sidewalks is left to individual residents? Why is it that access for cars is funded with tax money and access for pedestrians is not?

Some of our elderly neighbors in Arlington cannot afford cars or are too frail to drive. Young people, low income people, disabled people and others may not have a car when they need to get around in the winter. It is a matter of social justice to make sure that all Arlingtonians can go where they need to go, when they need to go there.

As a matter of fairness and justice, we should consider bringing back public funding for clearing sidewalks. We once had this town service and could have it again. If the streets deserve to be cleared of snow with tax money, it is only fair that sidewalks deserve the same

treatment.

Rachael Stark

Other options

More parking may not be the answer.

The Town of Arlington, businesses and residents ought to take steps to reduce the demand for parking, before increasing the supply at great cost in both dollars and additional congestion.

Businesses typically subsidize parking for employees, but offer no incentive to take public transportation or walk. When given a choice between free parking and paying out of pocket for a pass to take the bus, most rational employees will take free parking. When the shortage comes, employers then look for more parking, assuming that their employees demand it.

Any business or group of employers that wants more parking ought to first be able to describe measures they have taken to encourage walking, the use of public transportation and other alternatives to driving alone and parking.

Why not change the incentives? Employers ought to provide free T passes and charge a nominal fee for parking. The cost of a combo bus-subway pass is \$57 per month. It is hard to believe that the monthly cost of a leased space in a new parking deck at Russell Field would be less expensive. And why not devise a cash incentive for employees who choose to walk from homes in nearby Arlington, Cambridge, Somerville, Medford, or even from the end of the red line at Alewife? We will all benefit by reducing the need for more parking spaces, limiting the traffic and congestion impacts of growth.

Many employees do not need their cars all day, every day. Some employees are commuting from close enough that other options exist. These cars clog spaces that could be used for short-term parking by patrons of local businesses. Make it worth their while to leave the car at home.

Student parking illustrates the same problem. There seems to be plenty of parking in the Russell lot once Arlington Catholic lets out for the day, and during school holidays. As for the lack of parking in the center caused by Legacy contractors, let's assume that this is an onerous, but short-term problem, that will end with construction.

CARAVAN for Commuters is funded by the Commonwealth to provide transportation demand management consulting services for businesses and their employees. The services are free. CARAVAN is currently working on a presumably similar project with businesses in Coolidge Corner to reduce employee demand for parking. The town and local businesses ought to contact Kay Carson at 617-973-7189 set up a joint appointment to develop a program to reduce parking demand.

As an Arlington taxpayer, I'd like to see our commercial tax base grow. I'd like to see Simpson Gumpertz and Heger, and other businesses thrive in Arlington, especially if one of them brings activity to a certain lifeless building I pass on Mystic Street as I walk to the center. I was not at the Redevelopment Board meeting, but the coverage in *The Advocate* suggests that an obvious part of planning for growth is absent. Let's see the transportation demand management plan.

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